

Gongshang Bulletin

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Home-Based Learning

The school will be implementing Home-Based Learning on Tuesday, 9th April 2024. Further details will be sent via a separate letter on PG.

Public Holidays

Hari Raya Puasa: 10 April 2024 (Wednesday)

The school would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim families a joyous Hari Raya Aidilfitri filled with happiness, peace and prosperity. May this festive season bring cherished moments with loved ones.

Dress Down

In view of the hot weather which we have been experiencing, the school will be allowing all pupils to report to school in their PE attire/ GSPS House T-shirt daily till further notice with effect from Mon 1 April 2024.

Primary 3 Weighted Assessment (WA)

The schedule for the Primary 3 WA was sent to you via Parents' Gateway on 19 January 2024 (Ref No: 24/E/050). A hard copy was also given to your child/ward on the same day. You may refer to the PG message/letter for more details on the WA.

Term/Week	Date	Subject	Duration
Term 2 Week 6	23 April	Mother Tongue Languages	45 mins
	*22 April – 26 April	Science	20 mins
Term 2 Week 7	29 April	English Language	40 mins

*each class will have its assessment scheduled within the stipulated week.

Primary 4 Weighted Assessment (WA)

The schedule for the Primary 4 WA was sent to you via Parents' Gateway on 22 February 2024 (Ref No: 24/E/070). A hard copy was also given to your child/ward on the same day. You may refer to the PG message/letter for more details on the WA.

Term/Week	Date	Subject	Duration
Term 2 Week 6	Friday, 26 April 2024	MTL WA (1)	45 min
Term 2 Week 7	Monday, 29 April 2024	English WA (1)	40 min

Primary 5 Weighted Assessment (WA)

The schedule for the Primary 5 WA was sent to you via Parents' Gateway on 5 February 2024 (Ref No: 24/E/063). A hard copy was also given to your child/ward on the same day. You may refer to the PG message/letter for more details on the WA.

Term/Week	Date	Subject	Duration
Term 2, Week 6	Monday, 22 April 2024	Higher Mother Tongue Language WA1	50 min
	Wednesday, 24 April 2024	Mother Tongue Language WA1	30 min
Term 2, Week 7	Monday, 29 April 2024	English Language WA1	40 min

Primary 6 Timed Practices – Semester 1

The schedule for the Primary 6 Timed Practices was sent to you via Parents' Gateway on 18 March 2024 (Ref No: 24/E/074). You may refer to the PG message for more details on the Timed Practices.

Date	Time (p.m.)	Subject	Duration
Monday, 29 April 2024	2.00 – 3.50 (EL) 2.00 – 3.20 (FEL)	English Language (EL) Paper 2 / Foundation English Language (FEL) Paper 2	1 h 50 min (EL) 1 h 20 min (FEL)

Tuesday, 30 April 2024	2.00 – 3.30 (MA) 2.00 – 3.00 (FMA)	Mathematics (MA) Paper 2 / Foundation Mathematics (FMA) Paper 2	1 h 30 min (MA) 1 h (FMA)
Thursday, 2 May 2024	2.00 – 3.40 (MTL) 2.00 – 2.40 (FMTL)	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Paper 2 / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages (FMTL) Paper 1	1 h 40 min (MTL) 40 min (FMTL)
Friday, 3 May 2024	2.00 – 3.45 (SC) 2.00 – 3.15 (FSC)	Science (SC) / Foundation Science (FSC)	1 h 45 min (SC) 1 h 15 min (FSC)
Monday, 6 May 2024	2.00 – 3.20	Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2	1 h 20 min

International Friendship Day

Date: 1 April 2024 (Monday)

Theme: Singapore in the World

Teacher-in-charge: Mdm Bindiya Aswani

International Friendship Day is commemorated in schools to encourage young people to learn more about communities that are different from their own. It is part of a larger effort by the United Nations to promote peace and harmony between countries. This is especially important in a small region like Southeast Asia, which is made up of a wonderful variety of races, religions and cultures. This year, Laos holds chairmanship of ASEAN. Let's learn more about this beautiful country and its culture!

Effective Interpersonal Skills and Digital Etiquette Workshop for Primary 4 and 5 Peer Support Leaders (PSLs)

Date: Friday, 12 April 2024

Time: 2.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Please refer to the letter sent out via Parents Gateway on 18 March 2024 (Ref. No. 24/E/114) for more information.

Primary 4 Museum-Based Learning Journey to National Gallery Singapore

The following P4 classes will be going on a museum-based learning journey to National Gallery Singapore (NGS) as part of their primary school art learning experience. The museum, being a custodian of culture and heritage, presents an authentic context for the learning of local art as part of students' understanding of Singapore's history and heritage.

Class	Date & Time
4 Perseverance	Friday, 19 April 2024 2.00pm to 5.30pm
4 Thrift	Friday, 26 April 2024 2.00pm to 5.30pm

Pupils will have their lunch in school at 1.30 p.m. before leaving for the learning journey. Pupils are allowed to be in PE attire for this trip.

Primary 3 Cultural Performance Exposure (CPES)

Date: 19 April 2024, Friday

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Venue: Tampines East Community Centre

An initiative by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL), the Cultural Performance Exposure Scheme (CPES) (“文化随意门”) aims to expose students to Chinese Dramas and Chinese language-related performances. The Chinese Department will bring our Primary 3 pupils to watch a Chinese Peking Opera – 《孙悟空三打白骨精》, presented by Singapore Chinese Arts Centre. This Opera is written based on the Chinese Classical, Journey to the West and infused with elements of Chinese martial arts and comedy.

A PG letter was sent on 18 March (Ref No: 24/E/130). For more information, parents can contact me at seng.jiaying@gsps.edu.sg.

MTL Fortnight 2024

Date: 22 April 2024 – 3 May 2024

Teachers-in-charge: Mdm Ng Chor Leng, Mdm Lee Ser Meei, Mdm Shahanaz, Mr Luqman and Mdm Roslinda

Theme: Traditional Food / Spices

The Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight is a programme that aims to engage students with learning experiences to make the learning of Mother Tongue Language fun and meaningful. This year, our MTL Fortnight theme is Traditional Food / Spices. Pupils will learn about traditional food/spices through the various enriching and engaging activities such as hands-on activities, display information and quizzes.

Participate in a family bonding activity at home to win attractive prizes! Selected entries will be showcased during school assembly. More details will be provided through Parent's Gateway.

Primary 5 Learning Journey to Little India

As part of their primary school Social Studies learning experience, the following P5 classes will be going on a learning journey to Little India, a site that is covered in the SS 2020 Syllabus. Through this learning journey, pupils will learn about the history of Little India and how its early immigrants contributed to the community. In addition, pupils will gain insights into the different religious spaces, architecture and practices that showcase the harmony in multicultural Singapore.

Kindly note the following dates and timings for the various classes.

Class	Date & Time
5P and 5T	Tuesday, 23 April 2024 11.30am to 2.30pm
5I and 5R	Wednesday, 24 April 2024 11.30am to 2.30pm
5C and 5H	Thursday, 25 April 2024 11.30am to 2.30pm

Pupils will be briefed on the items they need to bring for the learning journey at a later date.

Earth Day

Teachers-in-charge: Mr Gavin Bi (OIC), Mr Md Azhari, Mrs Natalie Neo

As part of the school's Earth Day commemoration event, we want to educate pupils about the effects of Plastic Pollution. Each of us play a small part, but together we can make a big difference to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children.

Please refer to the list below for the Earth Day activities which will run from 22 April to 28 April.

- 1) Earth Day Talk on 22 April (by Just Keep Thinking)
- 2) Save the Pen collection (by Scouts CCA)
- 3) Upcycled Plastic Display (by Art Dept and Social Studies Dept)
- 4) Food Composting Display (by Environmental Science Club)
- 5) E-Waste Bin (in partnership with ALBA recycling)

More details will be shared during the Assembly period on 22 April 2024.

Responsible Use of Mobile Devices at Home.

In today's digital age, mobile devices play a significant role in our daily lives, including our children's education and social interactions. While these devices offer numerous benefits, it is essential to ensure their responsible use, especially within the home environment.

Here are some guidelines to promote responsible mobile device usage at home.

- 1. Set screen time limits:** Encourage your child to take regular breaks from their devices to prevent eye strain and promote physical activity.
- 2. Establish Device-Free Zones:** Designate certain areas in the home, such as the dining room or bedrooms, as device-free zones to encourage face-to-face interactions and family bonding.
- 3. Monitor content:** Regularly review the apps, games, websites and messaging platforms your child accesses to ensure they are age-appropriate and safe.
- 4. Use Parental Controls:** Utilise parental control features available on mobile devices and internet browsers to restrict access to inappropriate content and monitor your child's online activity.
- 5. Educate about Cybersecurity:** Teach your child about the importance of cybersecurity, including the risks of clicking on suspicious links, sharing passwords and downloading unknown files.

By implementing these guidelines, we can ensure that our children derive the maximum benefits from mobile devices while minimizing potential risks. Together, let's foster a safe and balanced digital environment for our families.

MOE Advisory against Vaping

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated, and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to HSA and manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary frameworks. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions,

such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in their children's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

Special call out to all parents of Gongshangers!

Make your parenting journey memorable by joining the GSPS Parent Support Group (PSG)! We are a vibrant and passionate group of parents, actively involved in our children's learning journey to create stronger bonds between the school, parents and teachers. All parents / guardians of current Gongshang Primary School students are welcome to join PSG and/or PSG events. Use the link or scan the QR code to join our GSPS PSG and Facebook!

It is of utmost importance to ensure our pupils' privacy are protected by implementing strong gatekeeping measures as pictures and videos are shared on the platform. One of the ways is to ask requestors to complete certain details upon requesting for membership, thereby ascertaining the legitimacy. Details include:

1. Please indicate your Child's name, Class, and Form Teacher's name
2. Do you want to be kept informed of upcoming events in Gongshang by joining Parents Support Group?
3. Do you agree to the rules from the admins?

We seek your understanding in signing up as PSG member and completing above questions before submitting your request to join the group. Looking forward to your participation in and out of social media for the betterment of our pupils!

To sign up as a PSG member, click [here](#) or scan the QR code



All PSG members are invited to join the PSG Facebook. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code



Highlights for March:

Games Day 2024

Atmosphere in GSPS was charged with pride and excitement as the cohort started the event reciting the Athlete's Oath where values of sportsmanship, integrity, modesty and graciousness were reiterated and resounded throughout the school hall. Check out the pupils in action [here!](#)



Family Movie Night – Wonka

Lucky pupils were given a Golden Ticket as they entered the [school hall](#) for the sequel to Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. Wonka, the movie brought everyone into the world of imagination where sky is the limit. Thank you for your support and we look forward to the next Movie Night! Lucky

